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“Hemingray Glass Company” Indiana State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated in Muncie

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Sunday, September 4, 2011. The state historical marker commemorates the Hemingray Glass Company, a leading manufacturer of glass insulators for telegraph, telephone, and power industries. It will be dedicated at 11:00 A.M. (EDT) at 1610 S. Macedonia Avenue, Muncie, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “**Hemingray Glass Company**”:

Founded as Gray & Hemingray in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1848. Incorporated 1870 in Covington, Kentucky; company produced glass bottles, jars, oil lamps, light globes, tableware, and insulators. After discovery of natural gas in east-central Indiana, Hemingray Glass Co. located factory here, 1888, and contributed to significant industrial growth of Muncie and state. By 1900, Hemingray had become a world leader of glass insulator manufacturing. Insulators were integral for operation of telegraph, telephone, and electric lines in U.S. and abroad, including in World Wars 1 and 2. In 1933, Owens-Illinois Glass Co. purchased the company; Hemingray insulators remained a major product until 1967. Plant here closed in 1972.

The dedication ceremony is open to the public. Parking is available nearby at the parking lot on the corner of 8th St. and Macedonia Ave. This Indiana state historical marker is being installed by the Indiana Historical Bureau and the National Insulator Association, Inc., whose members are interested in research and education about insulators and the companies that made them. For more information about the dedication ceremony, please contact Robert B. Stahr, 1stpastpres@nia.org or 630-231-4171.

State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. For more than 95 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1946, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For more information about this marker, the Indiana Historical Marker Program, and other Indiana history resources, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-2535.

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